

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Title 36, Chapter 1

Compendium of designations, closures, request requirements and other restrictions imposed under the discretionary authority of the Superintendent.

In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7, authorized by Title 16, United States Code, Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established. Their purpose is to provide for proper resource and visitor protection, effective administration, and orderly public use of the portions of New River Gorge National River, Gauley River National Recreation Area, and Bluestone National Scenic River (hereafter referred to as the "park") under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. These regulatory provisions are the result of staff recommendations and conference. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1.



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Bluestone National Scenic River

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36 CFR 1.5 - Closures and Public Use Limits

Except for park buildings and other structures identified as open to the public, **all buildings, historical ruins, and other structures** are closed.

Visiting hours are sunrise to sunset as follows:

- A. On the Canyon Rim and Sandstone Visitor Center grounds (including the parking lots and grounds associated with or adjacent to the visitor center)
- B. On National Park Service property associated with the Park Headquarters complex in Glen Jean
- C. At Dunglen except for the parking lot and group campsite.
- D. The area of Beauty Mountain from Short Creek to Beauty Mountain electrical substation is closed to public use one-half hour after sunset until sunrise.

All **park roads** are open only to vehicles that:

- A. Are registered with valid state registration
- B. Have proof of insurance
- C. Have a current valid state safety inspection sticker (if required by the state where registered), and
- D. Display a current valid state license plate.

All **park roads** are closed to all vehicles that are designed for off-highway use as defined by West Virginia Motor Vehicle Code, Section 17A-1-1 (ii) [ATVs].

At **river access areas** (including but not limited to Gauley Tailwaters, Fayette Station, Cunard, Dunglen, Stone Cliff, McCreery, Mill Creek, Glade Creek, and Meadow Creek), congestion requires different specific regulatory measures at each location, primarily concerning traffic control and visitor use management. SEE APPENDIX A:

Climbing groups: In order to limit the impact to areas around cliffs and boulder fields, all groups climbing and rappelling in the park will be limited to a maximum of 15 persons, including the guide(s) per trip, with a guest-to-guide ratio not to exceed four guests to one guide. Guest count will include individuals in the group who are watching the climbing activity. In addition, groups will be limited to four trips per day park-wide with a maximum of 15 persons per trip (including guides).

Hiking/Biking groups: In order to limit the impact to trails in the park, all groups biking and hiking on designated trails will be limited to a maximum of 22 persons, including the guide(s) per trip, with a guest-to-guide ratio not to exceed 10 guests to one guide. In addition, biking and hiking groups will be limited to four trips per day park-wide with a maximum of 22 persons per trip (including guides).

Horse trips: In order to limit the impact to permitted trails and minimize conflict with other trail users, horse packing trips will be limited to a maximum of 22 horses and 22 persons (including the guides) per trip, with a guest-to-guide ratio not to exceed 10 guests to one guide. Trips are confined to the Brooklyn (Horse) Trail and Bluestone Turnpike Trail and are limited to day use only with a maximum of four trips per day per designated horse trail. In order to reduce trail damage and minimize conflict with other trail users, a time period of 30 minutes must lapse between the start of each trip onto a designated horse trail. Grazing is not permitted. Horses are prohibited from being tied to trees, shrubs or vegetation and must maintain a distance of at least 100 feet from a water source. Feeding of horses while on NPS lands is prohibited.

Personal Water Craft. In accordance with the Policy of the National Park Service, the use of Personal Watercraft is prohibited in the park. Personal Watercraft (PWC) are defined in 36 CFR 1.4(a).

36 CFR 1.6 - Permits

Special events, weddings, marathons, public assemblies, meetings, certain commercial photography and filming, sale or distribution of printed matter and any other activities of organized groups require a written permit from the Superintendent. The permit must be approved prior to the event.

The following activities require special permits in compliance with 36 CFR 1.7 (Public Notice):

- A. Business operations
- B. Collecting (form PRP-1, research specimens)
- C. Commercial photography and/or film-making
- D. Display of commercial notices or advertisements
- E. Distribution or sale of printed matter
- F. Reservation of Burnwood, Dungen, and Grandview picnic shelters
- G. Special events and public assemblies
- H. Use of Burnwood and Dungen group camping areas

36 CFR 2.1 - Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and Archaeological Resources

- 2.1(a)(4) **Firewood.** Dead wood on the ground may be collected only for use as campfire fuel in campsites within park boundaries.
- 2.1(a)(5) **Climbing.** Recreational climbing and rappelling is prohibited at Grandview.
- 2.1(c)(2) **Gathering.** The following berries and other fruits growing on federally-owned lands within the park may be gathered for personal consumption in the quantity of one gallon per person per day: blueberries, black walnuts, blackberries, cherries, elderberries, gooseberries, grapes, huckleberries raspberries, service berries, strawberries, and sumac berries. Apples, may apples, peaches, pears, persimmons, and plums may be gathered for personal consumption in the quantity of ½ bushel per person per day.

Morel mushrooms may be gathered, limited to ½ grocery bag or 1/8 bushel per person per day for personal consumption.

Ramps (*Allium tricoccum*) may be gathered, limited to ½ grocery bag or 1/8 bushel per person per day for personal consumption.

- 2.1(c)(3) Except for those plants and plant parts specifically designated above, it is prohibited to possess, destroy, injure, deface, remove, dig, or otherwise disturb from its natural state all other plants or the parts or products thereof on federally-owned lands within the park [36 CFR 2.1(1)(1)(ii)]. This includes various other fruits, berries, nuts, greens, bulbs, tubers, roots, and other plant parts or products which may, traditionally, have been considered to be edible or to have medicinal uses.

36 CFR 2.2 - Wildlife Protection

Hunting. Hunting is allowed on federally-owned lands within the park except as noted below:

Hunting shall be in accordance with regulations established by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources or in accordance with posted National Park Service safety zone signs.

At Grandview, hunting is permitted only within the portion of the former state park land that lies between Royal Road and the New River as posted. All other land within the boundaries of the former state park is closed to all firearms and hunting. Legally taken game shall not be transported across this closed area. All hunting access and possession of firearms in this area are prohibited. (see attached map).

Hunting is not allowed within the Burnwood environmental education area (from the north rim of the New River Gorge along the western and northernmost boundary and south along U. S. 19 to the rim of the gorge as posted) (see attached map).

Trapping. Trapping is not allowed on federally-owned lands or federally-controlled waters within New River Gorge National River.

Trapping is allowed on federally-owned lands and federally-controlled waters within Gauley River National Recreation Area and Bluestone National Scenic River.

36 CFR 2.3 - Fishing

For visitor safety, no fishing is allowed within 100 feet of boat launch/take-out areas while watercraft are using the launch/take-out area.

Live or dead minnows, other bait fish, and amphibians, except as identified below, may be possessed or used as bait or fishing in the waters of the park, in accordance with West Virginia fishing regulations. The commercial collection of bait is prohibited. The collection and possession of the following rare salamanders is prohibited:

- A. Green Salamander (*Aneides aeneus*)
- B. Blackbelly Salamander (*Desmognathus quadramaculatus*)

36 CFR 2.10 - Camping and Food Storage

Camping is defined as “the erecting of a tent or shelter or natural synthetic materials, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use, parking of a motor vehicle, motor home or trailer, or mooring of a vessel for the apparent purpose of overnight occupancy” 36 CFR 1.4(a).

Camping is permitted on federally-owned lands within the park except where specifically excluded.

Camping by commercial groups is not permitted in any developed campground from the third Saturday in May through September 30.

Unless developed sites are offered, camping is prohibited **within 100 feet of any:**

- A. Developed river access area (this closure includes Gauley Tailwaters, Fayette Station, Cunard, McCreery, Glade Creek, and Meadow Creek; it does not include Stone Cliff and Dunglen)

- B. All roads within the park boundary.
- C. Developed trails and trailhead areas
- D. Park structure or historical ruin.
- E. Water source or improved area (unless otherwise stated).

In addition to the areas described above, camping is prohibited as follows:

- A. At Canyon Rim and Sandstone Visitor Centers (the parking lots and grounds associated with or adjacent to the visitor center)
- B. Within 100 feet of State Route 82, the Fayette Station Road
- C. Within the Kaymoor historic area (between the metal gate to the south, Butcher Branch to the north, and the historic area from rim top to the river)
- D. At Grandview top
- E. Camp Brookside island and launch area
- F. Brooks Falls day use area
- G. Within the boundaries of Bluestone National Scenic River
- H. At Sandstone Falls day use area
- I. Gauley Tailwaters parking and river access areas
- J. Fayette Station parking and river access areas
- K. Stone Cliff parking and picnic areas
- L. Cunard river access area
- M. Thayer river access area (former Dent property)
- N. Akers House launch and day use area (upper River Road)
- O. Dunglen launch and day use area
- P. Mill Creek river access area.
- Q. The areas known as Fern Creek and Beauty Mountain, from Workman Road to the North, through Short Creek and ending at the Beauty Mountain Electrical Substation.
- R. Keeney's Creek Flatrock area. (attached map)
- S. Within 300' of any cliff top or cliff bottom (unless otherwise designated).
- T. The area known as The Pines at the Gauley Tailwaters area. (attached map)

In managed camping areas, there will be a maximum of one tent and one RV (a vehicle designed for overnight accommodations) or two tents, 8 people, and two vehicles per site.

No person, party, or organization shall be permitted to camp for more than a total of 14 days within a 28-day period, within any park campground and/or camping area. The moving from one campsite or camping area to another, or the changing of the registered name of the group or individual in order to circumvent the 14 day camping limit is prohibited.

Park Rangers will register all campers at the earliest opportunity.

36 CFR 2.11 - Picnicking

A reserved shelter at Burnwood, Dunglen, and Grandview will be for the entire day and for the exclusive use of the party which holds the reservation. Shelters not reserved may be used by non commercial groups on a first come, first served basis.

36 CFR 2.13 - Fires

Where campfire receptacles are provided, campfires are allowed but must be contained in these designated containers.

Lighting or maintaining a fire is prohibited at:

- A. Canyon Rim and Sandstone Visitor centers (the lots and grounds associated with or adjacent to the visitor centers)
- B. Camp Brookside island
- C. Islands at Sandstone Falls
- D. Within the boundaries of the Bluestone National Scenic River
- E. Keeney's Creek Flatrock area (attached map)
- F. The areas known as Fern Creek and Beauty Mountain, from Workman Road to the North, through Short Creek and ending at the Beauty Mountain Electrical Substation.

Unless a receptacle is provided, lighting or maintaining a fire is prohibited **within 300 feet of any**:

- A. Developed river access area (this closure includes Gauley Tailwaters, Fayette Station, Cunard, McCreery, Glade Creek, and Meadow Creek; it does not include Stone Cliff and Dungen)
- B. Developed trailhead area
- C. Top edge and the bottom of any cliff.
- D. Park structure or historical ruin

36 CFR 2.15 - Pets

At park visitor centers, pets may be left unattended and tied, on a leash not to exceed 6 feet, to an object, specified by visitor center personnel, for up to one hour.

At other locations of federally-owned lands, pets may be left unattended and tied, on a leash not to exceed 6 feet, to objects for up to 4 hours. Pets will not be tied to trees or other woody plants. Pets will not be tied to trash cans.

Pets left unattended and tied to an object must have direct access to drinking water, fresh air, and shade. At all times and in all places, pets must be secured on a leash not to exceed 6 feet.

At all campgrounds, visitor centers, and developed areas, pet excrement must be immediately picked up and disposed of by the person in control of the pet.

36 CFR 2.16 - Horses and Pack Animals

Horses and pack animals are prohibited on all park trails unless the trail is signed as open to horse/pack animal use.

36 CFR 2.20 - Skating, Skateboards, and Similar Devices

These devices are prohibited within the park.

36 CFR 2.21 - Smoking

All National Park Service buildings and other structures are closed to smoking.

36 CFR 2.22 - Property

Personal property may be left unattended on federally-owned land for more than 24 hours only with written permission from a Park Ranger.

36 CFR 2.35 - Alcoholic Beverages

Closures: The following public use areas are closed to the consumption of alcoholic beverages and the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal is broken or the contents of which have been partially removed. 36 CFR 2.35 (3)(i)

- A. Within the Park Headquarters complex in Glen Jean
- B. At Dunglen, within the developed area
- C. At Grandview top
- D. Within Bluestone National Scenic River
- E. Stone Cliff visitor use area. This closure includes the area from the entrance road at the junction of State Route 25 to the upstream end of the “beach area”, and includes the overnight camping and day use areas.
- F. Public use areas at Thayer.

36 CFR 2.38(b) - Explosives

The possession of and/or use of fireworks, firecrackers or black powder (except for its legal use in muzzle loading firearms, or for living history demonstrations, to include Theater West Virginia) or explosive in the park is prohibited except under terms of a written permit from the Superintendent.

36 CFR 2.51 – Public Assemblies, Meetings

Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, and other public expressions of views will be permitted if a permit has been issued in accordance with 36 CFR 2.51 at locations designed to balance the legitimate need of persons to express their views while allowing for the needs of park visitors to enjoy the park and its resources.

Designated areas for such activities at New River Gorge National River, Gauley River National Recreation Area and Bluestone National Scenic River include the areas listed below. Some specific sites may not be available at all times due to the constraints listed in 36 CFR 2.51. Permit conditions specific to each site and event may be established in accordance with 36 CFR 2.51.

SEE APPENDIX B:

36 CFR 2.52 – Sale and Distribution of Printed Matter

The sale or distribution of printed matter will be permitted at locations designed to balance the legitimate need of persons to express their views while allowing for the needs of park visitors to enjoy the park and its resources.

Designated areas at New River Gorge National River, Gauley River National Recreation Area and Bluestone National Scenic River where the sale or distribution of printed matter is allowed pursuant to a written permit are listed below. Some specific sites may not be available at all times due to the constraints listed in 36 CFR 252. Permit conditions specific to each site and event may be established in accordance with 36 CFR 2.52.

SEE APPENDIX B:

36 CFR 2.62(b) - Memorialization

The spreading of human ashes in the park may be done only by written permission of the Superintendent. All other memorialization activity is prohibited.

36 CFR 4.30 - Bicycle Use

Bicycles are prohibited on all park trails unless the trail is signed as open to bicycle use. Park roads are open to bicycle use.

36 CFR 5.5 – Commercial Photography

As a general rule, permits are not required for either commercial or non-commercial still photographers. However, written permits issued by the Superintendent may be required when the still photography involves advertisement of products or services and/or the use of models, sets, or props, or when such photography could result in damage to the resources or significant disruption of normal visitor uses. Permits shall be required for photographers granted access to areas normally closed to the visiting public except that oral approval can be given for such access to a photographer engaged in bona fide news-gathering activities. Written permits issued by the Superintendent shall be in accordance with established National Park Service policy and procedures.

APPENDIX A:
New River Gorge National River
Gauley River National Recreation Area
Bluestone National Scenic River

RIVER ACCESS & LAUNCH RAMP AREAS
OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

2006

In an ongoing effort to improve the operations of our public use areas, it is important that we continue to address our common management concerns. In addition to launch area and traffic control issues, other issues such as camping, visitor safety, and area closures that affect your operations are also included in this list. Visitor use pressure on these areas continues to grow. It is imperative to observe the operational guidelines and regulations listed below. This will prevent unnecessary disputes and misunderstandings that could negatively affect the experience of our guests and visitors. **Please review this information and pass it along to your staff.**

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- **Vehicles and Equipment****

All park roads are OPEN to vehicles that:

- a) are registered with a valid state registration, including a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) as appropriate
- b) have proof of insurance
- c) have a current valid state safety inspection sticker
- d) display a current valid state license plate

**** This will not change regardless of the new WV ATV law.**

- **Speeding**

We will continue our efforts to control vehicle speed on river access roads and other park roads. Congestion, presence of pedestrians and road width/grade will determine specific posted speed limits on park roads, and it is possible for a park road to have different posted speed limits for different sections of the road.

If you encounter problems relating to excessive speeds or other vehicle/driver behavior that relates to visitor safety, please contact Rangers with this specific information. All posted speed limits and traffic regulations will be enforced as necessary to help ensure a safer park environment for all park users.

- **Unattended Vehicles**

Leaving unattended commercial vehicles at river access and launch ramp areas is prohibited. At all areas, vehicles must have a driver immediately available. **Any unattended commercial vehicle is subject to being cited and towed from the area.**

This requirement is even more important to prevent problems in 2006 due to the reduction in the number of Visitor Use Assistant Rangers available to monitor traffic and visitor use activities this year.

RIVER ACCESS & LAUNCH RAMPS

- **Short-Cutting at Ramps**

Short-cutting is not allowed at any river access area. Those launching watercraft must use the appropriate ramp and/or launch site. This will reduce unintended resource damage to the sites.

- **Stacking and Staging on Launch Ramps**

Stacking and staging boats and equipment on launch ramps or in a manner that prevents others from using the ramps is not allowed. All launch ramps and vehicle turnaround areas must remain open for immediate use. **The problem of stacking and staging boats and equipment remains a problem. We would still VERY much prefer to deal with this issue on the basis of extending common courtesy to all, private and commercial user alike, and not involve the law enforcement Ranger staff to resolve these issues when they might occur.**

- **Human Waste**

Please encourage your guests to utilize the toilet facilities provided at the river access and launch sites and take precautions to prevent leaving solid human waste within the river corridor.

- **Lunch Stops**

Please do not serve lunch at river access and launch ramp areas. We are asking again this year that there be no lunches taken in the Cunard bus parking lot and staging areas. The areas are simply too small to accommodate this use.

- **Trash, Food Scraps and Overnight Trips**

Please pack out all trash and food scraps when you exit the river and leave the park. This is especially important for overnight trips coming off the river.

Food scraps dropped on the ground or trash (which normally contain unused food products) from overnight trips can attract nuisance insects (bees, ants, etc.) and lead to undesirable interactions with wildlife. Wildlife feeding at garbage containers continues to be a growing problem parkwide, especially at public river access areas. Physically dangerous human/wildlife interaction may eventually develop, as will the rabies threat, if we do not work together to prevent this problem. Help keep wildlife wild – do not feed wildlife.

- **Camping in Developed Areas**

Camping by commercial groups is not permitted in any developed camping area from the third Saturday in May through September 30 each year. This includes Glade Creek (when opened), Grandview Sandbar, Army Camp and other developed camping areas.

DEVELOPED AREAS

Meadow Creek Public Access

- The private landowner has agreed to allow **non-commercial** use of his property for river access, including the launching and retrieval of watercraft, through a Memorandum of Agreement between the NPS and the landowner. The private landowner has stipulated this area is only for private, **non-commercial** public use and **only available for commercial use**

under an annual fee system between the landowner and commercial entities.

Commercial use of the Meadow Creek Public Access area constitutes a trespass in the absence of expressed agreement with the landowner. **It is imperative that all commercial companies inform their staff of the landowner's desires and refrain from any use of the Meadow Creek Public Access area without the required permission.**

Grandview Sandbar

- Commercial use of the Grandview Sandbar developed area for the launching and retrieval of boats will be limited to only allow trips such as fishing trips or “*duckie*” *trips with up to 14 guests each*. This limitation affects the entire river front property, from the “Upper Day Use/Beach Area” to the “Walk-in Camping Area” on the downstream end of the area.
- Commercial outfitters will be limited to two separate trips per day, whether two fishing trips with up to two boats each, or two “*duckie*” trips with up to the number of boats necessary to accommodate 14 guests, or one “*duckie*” trip and one fishing trip.
- Passenger vehicles larger than a 15-passenger van will not be allowed to enter the area for the purpose of transporting commercial guests.
- Use of this area for kayak/canoe clinics/demos and race events is allowed only under Special Use Permit. Please contact our Program Specialist at 304-465-6517 to check available dates and request Special Use Permit applications.

Glade Creek (not expected to be open for public use in 2006 due to road construction)

Commercial outfitters have the same restrictions at Glade Creek as for Grandview Sandbar, with the additional restrictions and guidelines listed below:

- Staging of boats and equipment is prohibited.
- Commercial use of Glade Creek area is allowed from October 1 through the third Friday in May. This restriction includes the entire river front property, from the Glade Creek piers above the confluence of Glade Creek and the New River, downstream to the end of the walk-in camping areas below the river access ramp.
- For 2006, commercial use of Glade Creek area will continue to be allowed from the third Saturday in May through September 30 under the following restrictions:
 - Commercial use is only allowed between the hours of 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM; and between the hours of 1:00 PM to dusk.
- Use of this area for kayak/canoe clinics/demos and race events is allowed only under Special Use Permit. Please contact our Program Specialist at 304-465-6517 to check available dates and request Special Use Permit applications.

Mill Creek (not expected to be open for public use in 2006 due to road construction)

Commercial outfitters have the same restrictions at Mill Creek as for Grandview Sandbar.

- Mill Creek is a “No Camping” area. Vehicles should not block access or be left unattended.
- Off-loading passengers and boats along the Glade Creek Road and sliding down the bank in the near vicinity of Mill Creek is not allowed. This causes very unsightly resource damage and erosion. *Utilize the gravel river access road at Mill Creek for off-loading and loading passengers and equipment.*
- Use of this area for kayak/canoe clinics/demos and race events is allowed only under Special Use Permit. Please contact our Program Specialist at 304-465-6517 to check available dates and request Special Use Permit applications.

McCreery

- **Do not off-load guests and equipment, or stage equipment and boats at the top of the boat ramp.** The boat ramp must remain clear at all times, unless actively launching or retrieving passengers and equipment. This continues as a persistent problem and may have to be dealt with utilizing law enforcement actions in 2006.
- Parking is available across Highway 41 and should be utilized whenever possible instead of using the landing area at the ramp for all day parking.
- **Crossing Highway 41 can be dangerous! Please warn your guests to use extreme caution when crossing this highway.**
- Busses should park perpendicular to the road near the former general store building, leaving room for additional busses and vehicles. Park as far back as possible to make the line-of-sight distances as great as possible for crossing Highway 41. *Do not block the front overhead door of the building, as this building houses river rescue boats and equipment.*
- Use of this area for kayak/canoe clinics/demos and race events is allowed only under Special Use Permit. Please contact our Program Specialist at 304-465-6517 to check available dates and request Special Use Permit applications.

Thayer

- Due to continued flood damage to this site, the river access area will not accommodate the use of vehicles for the launching or retrieval of watercraft at this time.
- The Thayer river access is shared by private boaters, fishermen, campers, traditional park visitors and most importantly, by local neighbors. Respect for others will help maintain the mixed use of this river access area. This is a pack-it-in and pack-it-out site. No trash receptacles or pickup are provided.
- Commercial use of the Thayer developed area for the launching and retrieval of boats will be limited to allow only trips such as fishing trips or “duckie” trips with up to 14 guests each. This limitation affects the entire river front property, from 100’ above the “Walk-in Camping Area” downstream to the end of the “Day Use Area”.
- Commercial outfitters will be limited to two separate trips per day, whether two fishing trips with up to two boats each, or two “duckie” trips with up to the number of boats necessary to accommodate 14 guests, or one “duckie” trip and one fishing trip.
- Passenger vehicles larger than a 15-passenger van will not be allowed to enter the area for the purpose of transporting commercial guests and are not allowed at the river access site at this time. The launching or retrieval of trips must be accomplished by carrying watercraft to and from the vehicle parked outside the river access area.
- There are four (4) designated campsites immediately upstream of Slater Creek. **These campsites are for non-commercial use only. PLEASE NOTE: This area is heavily damaged, and it is our hope that rehabilitation of this area will begin soon.**

Stone Cliff

- Commercial vehicles are not allowed on the upper launch site. In this area, outfitters should carry rafts and equipment to the launch ramp from the commercial parking/staging lot.
- During launching, commercial vehicles should stage in the upper parking area and carry rafts and equipment down to the put-in area next to the camping area.
- During takeout, only the lower takeout area at the downstream end of Stone Cliff should be used for commercial takeout. This is the area on the lower loop of the entrance road below the restroom/changing facilities.

- Use of this area for kayak/canoe clinics/demos and race events is allowed only under Special Use Permit. Please contact our Program Specialist at 304-465-6517 to check available dates and request Special Use Permit applications.

Cunard

- Only one equipment vehicle per company may occupy a space in the commercial launch area parking/staging area at one time.
- One exception to above: an express lane at the downstream end of the commercial lot is available for use. To use the express lane, you must have a small trip that can be unloaded from the gear trailer without delay. No staging is allowed in the express lane, and the time limit in the express lane is 5 minutes.
- A lane must be kept open a minimum of 1-1/2 raft width along the concrete walkway on the river side of the commercial parking area to allow adequate passage to carry rafts to the launch area ramp.
- Do not use the private boater ramp for routine trips. Use the provided commercial launch ramp instead.
- Use of this area for kayak/canoe clinics/demos and race events is allowed only under Special Use Permit. Please contact our Program Specialist at 304-465-6517 to check available dates and request Special Use Permit applications.
- The gated access area at Cunard is available for commercial use for “special purpose” trips only. This ramp is not intended for routine river trips involving rafts, inflatable kayaks (duckies) and/or trips involving able-bodied guests. Examples of “special purpose” trips are “rigged” trips such as fishing and overnight trips and trips involving mobility impaired guests or elderly guests.
- If you have a five (5) boat trip and there is a mobility impaired guest on one of the boats, only the boat with the mobility impairment may use the special purpose ramp. Others boats and passengers must use the normal access ramp.
 - The following provisions apply to the special purpose ramp:
 - a) Do not block the access gate
 - b) Please remember this special purpose ramp gives you access to the private boater ramp. Do not interfere with private boater operations. Use of this area is limited to ten (10) minutes. Private boaters have the right-of-way at all times.
 - c) The special purpose ramp gate has a combination lock, which may be changed monthly. Call the District Ranger Station (574-0165), the Canyon Rim Visitor Center (574-2115) or Park Headquarters (465-0508) for the combination and in advance of each time you intend to use the ramp.

NOTE: This ramp is also available to local fishermen for the purposes of launch/take-out of trailered boats.
- **Eating of lunches should NOT occur in the bus parking lot, staging area or launch ramp at Cunard.**

Fayette Station

- Commercial passenger-carrying vehicles must stage in the upper parking lots. The lower beach (commercial takeout) is only open to equipment-carrying vehicles.
- Because of limited space, a maximum of two (2) passenger busses per company are allowed in the commercial parking area at any one time. All companies are expected to work together on a bus staging system to reduce congestion. The Burnwood area is also available for staging purposes.

- Only one equipment vehicle per company is allowed in the lower beach takeout area at any one time.
- Wildwater Expeditions Unlimited has a legal, deeded access to Fayette Station. Through discussion with Wildwater, other commercial users of Fayette Station, and Rangers responsible for managing commercial and public use of the area, Wildwater Expeditions is granted a reserved space at the takeout. Wildwater has the right to drive their passenger pickup bus to the Lower Beach takeout. This reserved space is at the upstream end of the center aisle above the large “table rock”. Thank you for adhering to this deeded, reserved right exception in the Fayette Station area regulations.
- Use of this area for kayak/canoe clinics/demos and race events is allowed only under Special Use Permit. Please contact our Program Specialist at 304-465-6517 to check available dates and request Special Use Permit applications.

Gauley Tailwaters

Use of this area for kayak/canoe clinics/demos and race events is allowed only under Special Use Permit. Please contact our Program Specialist at 304-465-6517 to check available dates and request Special Use Permit applications.

APPENDIX B:
Public Assemblies, Meetings
Sales and Distribution of Printed Matter

- A. Canyon Rim Visitor Center. Area defined as grassy area to the left of visitor center when facing the building.
- B. Grandview. Areas defined as grassy area to right of main overlook trailhead (when facing trail) OR grassy area directly across park road in front of amphitheatre.
- C. Gauley Tailwaters Area (Summersville Dam). Area defined as grassy area on right side of tailwaters access road 0.3 miles from Route 129 entrance to access road.
- D. Fayette Station. Area defined as grassy area to right of park road just past the Wolf Creek bridge heading into main parking area.
- E. McCreery. Area defined as 50' X 50' area in field north of boathouse adjacent to the bridge abutment.
- F. Sandstone Falls. Area defined as 50' X 50' area in the grassy picnic area 50' downstream (left) of the boardwalk entrance.
- G. Park Headquarters. Area defined as across from Park Headquarters in the lawn area on right of Bank of Glen Jean when facing the bank building.
- H. Sandstone Visitor Center. Area defined as the mowed grass portion of the island adjacent to the parking lot.